

Hawai'i Dads (Makuakāne)

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FATHERS MONTH in Hawai'i—June

Father's Day is officially celebrated in countries around the world—on every continent but Antarctica. There are more than 64 million fathers in America, and one special day of the year when we can say “thank you” to all dads. The best way to celebrate is to simply spend time together.

CELEBRATE FATHERS Day on Oahu—Sat., June 20, 2009



Pongi and Toa Toraga,
Father-Child Look-Alike
Contest Winners
(Windward Mall photo)

Hawai'i Coalition for Dads' 11th Annual CELEBRATE FATHERS Day was held on Saturday, June 20th at Windward Mall in Kaneohe on Oahu. This event celebrated “June is Father's Month”—proclaimed by Governor Lingle, Honolulu Mayor Hannemann, and the Honolulu City Council.

HCD's CELEBRATE FATHERS Day included a Father-Child Look-Alike Contest and family entertainment (*Ukulele Band* from Kahalu'u Elementary School, *Halau Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa* from St. John Vianney School, and a balloons artist).

The Father-Child Look-Alike Contest 1st Prizes—an Overnighter & Breakfast-for-2 contributed by The Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki, and a Sony PlayStation 2 plus games contributed by Windward Mall.

Family-friendly activities and information were provided by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ho'ala Hou (*Reawakening*) Parent Involvement Project, Kathy's Parenting Solutions, Kauka'i ka 'Ohana (*Strength in Families*), Keiki O Ka 'Aina Family Learning Centers, Navy Fleet & Family Support Center (with All Pro Dad's Day sign-ups), TIFFE (*The Institute for Family Enrichment*), and YMCA.

Check out the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse resources that offer suggestions for family activities for Father's Day and every day, such as *50 Ways to Celebrate Father's Day* and *Books for Father's Day and Every Day*: www.fatherhood.gov/toolkit/index.cfm. ~HI Dads~

Join KANU DADS at Kanu Hawai'i on the Web

The Kanu Dads group at Kanu Hawai'i on the Web is for “Anyone dedicated to a positive concept of fatherhood, including anyone seeking or offering ideas and support.”

“Kanu Dads is about dedication and devotion to the special kuleana of fathers. We acknowledge the existence of some unhelpful stereotypes and habits that we and others have, but we vow to overcome them for the sake of our children and our communities.

With help from the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, Kanu Dads aims to provide ideas and support to help dads fulfill their kuleana as parents and slowly but surely build a new, positive model of fatherhood based in island values.

Kanu Hawai'i will help you make commitments to change, share your experience with others, organize friends, family, co-workers and others around commitments, learn about issues, and take actions to bring about the change we want to see. Join Kanu Dads @ www.kanuhawaii.org/group/?id=12266974853243. ~HI Dads~

Sunday, June 14, 2009

3rd Annual Celebration of Fathers on Maui

The 3rd Annual Celebration of Fathers event was held on Sunday June 14th at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Maui. Maui Mayor Charmaine Tavares proclaimed June as Father's month in Maui County.

It was a fun filled day of entertainment and activities for the keiki and their families. The highlight of the day was **Da Faddah & Keiki Look-Da-Same Contest** (below).

Sponsored by the Maui Family Support Services (MFSS @ <http://mfss.org/>) and its Fatherhood Involvement Team, Celebration of Fathers is held to bring attention and support to the fathers, children, and families of Maui.

Mahalo to all the agencies, entertainers, and volunteers that helped make MFSS's 3rd Annual Celebration of Fathers event a success, including: Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, Scott Wilhelm and Family from Molokai, Derrick Sebastian, Mantokuji Taiko Drummers, guitarist Steve Monroe, M.E.O. Head Start, The Friends of the Children Justice Center, IMUA Family Services, TIFFE, and Family Planning Education Services. *~HI Dads~*



Saturday, June 27, 2009

Father & Child Play Day in West Hawai'i

"He Makuakane Maika'i O Hawai'i," the West Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative of the Family Support Services of West Hawai'i's (www.fsswh.org) 5th annual fatherhood conference, was held on Saturday, June 27th, under clear skies and warm summer breezes at the Swing Zone near the Old Kona Airport Park.

This "Celebration of Fatherhood" focused on the positive cognitive, physical, social and emotional benefits received by fathers and children engaging in active play.

Hawai'i County Mayor, Billy Kenoi, read his Proclamation setting June 2009 as Father's Month in Hawai'i County. "Many programs spend lots of their



(a drug education program). *~HI Dads~*

time and energy planning ways to engage the community," Mayor Kenoi observed, "this program spends its time actively engaging fathers."

Activities included hula by Kupa'aina (Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative [HFI] program fathers and their families), music by HFI father Bryant Mock Chu and his band and Nephi Brown, a keiki waterslide, a climbing wall, mini golf, batting cages, Tsunami Waterslide, and ono food.

Resource booths were provided by Bula Logan and his wife Miho Fukuda, MD, PhD. of Maui's Malama Na Pua (a Native Hawaiian health and wellness center), Kona Community Hospital, American Cancer Society, West Hawai'i Community Health Center, and Malama I Na Keiki

President Obama Speaks about Fatherhood



President Barak Obama made the following comments excerpted from the Fatherhood Town Hall he hosted at the White House on Friday, June 19, 2009 (www.nflgonline.org):

“This town hall marks the beginning of a national conversation that we hope to start about fatherhood and personal responsibility—about how fathers across America are meeting the challenges in their families and communities, and what government can do to support those who are having a difficult time....

“We all know the difference that a responsible, committed father...can make in the life of a child. Fathers are our first teachers and coaches. They’re our mentors and they’re our role models. They set an example of success and they push us to succeed;

encourage us when we’re struggling; and they love us even when we disappoint them, and they stand by us when nobody else will.

“And when fathers are absent—when they abandon their responsibilities to their children—we know the damage that that does to our families. Some of you know the statistics: Children who grow up without fathers are more likely to drop out of school and wind up in prison. They’re more likely to have substance abuse problems, run away from home, and become teenage parents themselves.”

Here’s a link to President Obama’s Father’s Day “the smallest moments can have the biggest impact on a child’s life...” public service announcements and other PSAs: www.fatherhood.gov/media/tv/index.cfm. ~HI Dads~

Helps reduce child abuse and neglect

Increased Access to Parenting Support

When parents have access to proven parenting information and support designed to address problems all families face—from tantrums to encouraging good behavior—key measures of child abuse and neglect fall, according to a study released in the Jan. 26.09 online edition of the journal *Prevention Science* (www.springerlink.com/content/104965/).

The study found lower rates of confirmed abuse cases, child out-of-home placements, and hospitalizations and emergency room visits for child injuries in counties where parenting support was implemented.

“Previous studies have shown reductions in children’s social, emotional and behavioral problems,” said University of South Carolina’s Ron Prinz, Ph.D., the study’s lead investigator. “This is the first large-scale study to show that by providing all families, not just families in crisis, with access to parenting information and support, we can reduce the rates of child maltreatment in whole communities.”

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC - www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2009/r090126.htm) ~HI Dads~

Moms help, but an involved father has twice the influence, new study finds

Devoted Dad Shown to Reduce Risky Teen Sex

A new study not only shows that a devoted, doting dad reduces risky teen sex, but that dads actually have twice the amount of influence that moms do in this area.

You can view an article about this research at: www.msnbc.msn.com/id/31086977. ~HI Dads~



At-Home Fathers

The Daddy Shift

The Daddy Shift: How Stay-at-Home Dads, Breadwinning Moms, and Shared Parenting are Transforming the American Family by Jeremy Adam Smith (2009; www.jeremyadamsmith.com) tells the stories of fathers who have embraced caregiving and egalitarian marriages, explores the hopes and ideals that inform their choices, and analyzes the economic and social developments that have made their choices possible.

Some reviews:

“Jeremy Adam Smith is a most purposeful father, a periodic stay-at-home dad who sees his role as not just a choice that’s best for his family but as **a sign of a rapidly changing societal landscape**....his new book, *The Daddy Shift*, is a chronicle of a time that he predicts we will look back upon as the start of permanent change.”—Lisa Belkin, *The New York Times* parenting blog (5.27.09)

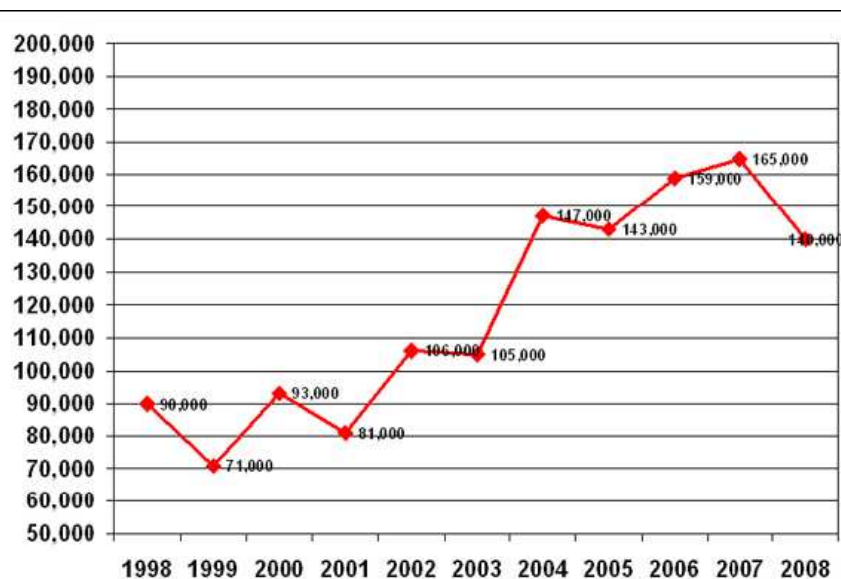
“Amazing... Smith’s book lays out a richly detailed—and almost thumb-burning—narrative on the way a **new generation of parents are raising their children under this shifting economic and familial landscape**. I say thumb-burning because behind the numbers, the book offers some incredibly honest accounts of what it’s like for fathers to stay home....

“The book shines when Smith talks about his relationship with his quarry-working grandfather who thought his wife ‘worked for him,’ and I admit I skipped ahead to some of the stories about other dads because when it came down to it, they were fun to read—motivational, even, for any new dad. I read most of the fatherhood books available before the birth of my daughter three years ago and though that’s not the intent of this one, I’d still put it at the top of the list for new dads. Sorry to gush, but it’s fascinating, well-written, and insanely researched.”—Mike Adamick, *San Francisco Chronicle* parenting blog (6.3.09).

“Engagingly persuasive....an impressive book that even the childless should read, for at essence, *The Daddy Shift* is not just about stay-at-home dads, but about the changing roles of men and women in society.”—Review in *Mothering* magazine. ~HI Dads~

At-Home Fathers in the United States, 1998-2008

For a discussion & Web links on the 2008 drop in “at-home” dads, see: www.rebeldad.com/labels/stats.html.



Source: Reid, B. (2009, March 2). ~HI Dads~

PACT/Hana Like Home Visitor Program**Hui Makuakane Father Support Program**

The following excerpts are from an article appearing recently on the Children's Safety Network website (<http://www.childrensafetynetwork.org/>) and the *PULSE* newsletter of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (www.amchp.org/AboutAMCHP/Newsletters/Pulse/June2009/Pages/Feature1.aspx):

Involving Fathers in Hawaii

Family Health Services Division, Maternal and Child Health Branch, Hawaii Department of Health

Posted in: May, 2009

The Hui Makuakane Father Support Program was an innovative effort in which Father Facilitators provided home-based support services—with an emphasis on father-child involvement—to families with young children.

Hui Makuakane (Fathers' Group) began in 1997 with support from the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund to Parents and Children Together (PACT), a nonprofit agency. In 2001, with support from the State of Hawaii Department of Health and Maternal and Health Branch, Hui Makuakane was incorporated into Hana Like, a Healthy Start Home Visitor Program, also operated by PACT.....

Hana Like serves low-income families in urban neighborhoods and public housing projects in Honolulu. Hui Makuakane was developed in response to a need to fully engage fathers in the program....the fact that the [Hana Like] home visitors were women led some of the fathers in Hana Like families to assume that the activities being promoted by the program were the responsibilities of the mother. When Father Facilitators were added to the Hana Like teams, fathers were more likely to get and stay involved with the program and with their children. The fathers were also more likely to actively adopt activities – such as getting down on the floor and playing with infants – when the activities were modeled by a man.

Hui Makuakane provided specialized support services to fathers to help them:

- fully participate in Hana Like activities;
- improve their understanding of child development;
- increase the time they spend caring for and playing with their children; and learn how to set limits for their children and use positive disciplinary techniques to enforce these limits.

Father Facilitators also help participating fathers set and reach educational and vocational goals, refer them to other community resources when necessary and engage fathers and children in group outings to family-oriented recreational and educational activities.... ~HI Dads~

Support the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads.

Help promote involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood in Hawai'i.

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The Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, with funding from the HMSA Foundation under the umbrella of Parents And Children Together (PACT), is a group of individuals and organizations that shares information about services to fathers and promotes involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood.

GOALS:

1. To enhance the ability of Hawai'i's children to grow in peaceful and safe environments.
2. To increase community awareness about fatherhood.
3. To promote the availability and accessibility of quality, father-centered community resources.
4. To advocate for informed public policy regarding fatherhood.
5. To strengthen community collaboration in support of fatherhood.
6. To respect and honor everyone's unique role in children's lives.

Fatherhood & Family Resources

1. **Hilo**: YWCA of Hawaii Island (Healthy Start) (961-3877; ywcawahaiiisland.org)
 2. **Kailua-Kona**: Family Support Services of West Hawai'i (326-7778; fsswh.org)
 3. **Kaua'i**: Nana's Place/Child and Family Service (338-0252; cfs-hawaii.org)
 4. **Maui**: Fatherhood Program—Maui Family Support Services (242-0900; mfss.org);
Neighborhood Place of Wailuku (986-0700); Maui Economic Opportunity (249-2990; meo.org)
 5. **Molokai**: Mediation Center of Molokai (553-3844)
- Oahu (and statewide):**
6. Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood (www.hawaii.gov/dhs/fatherhood/fatherhood)
 7. TIFFE (Nurturing Fathers; Playgroups) (596-8433; www.tiffe.org)
 8. PACT (Family Centers; Hana Like; Head Start; Family Peace Center) (847-3285; www.pacthawaii.org)
 9. Navy Fleet & Family Support Center (Boot Camp For New Dads) (474-1999; www.greatlifeohawaii.com)
 10. PARENTS (235-0488); 11. Kathy's Parenting Solutions (352-3303; kathysparentingsolutions.com)
 12. The Baby Hui (groups for Dads, and Moms) (735-2484; thebabyhui.org)
 13. The Parent Line (Info & Referral) (526-1222; www.theparentline.org) 14. AUW – 211 (auw.org/211)
 15. HPIRC (HI Parental Information & Resource Centers) (841-6177; hawaiipirc.org)
 16. DOE Family Support (PCNC; Families for R.E.A.L.; VISTA) (733-4476; familysupport.k12.hi.us)
 17. SPIN (Special Parent Information Network) (586-8126; spinhawaii.org)
 18. Big Brothers Big Sisters (support for single Dads, and Moms) (521-3811; bigshonolulu.org)
 19. Good Beginnings Alliance (Playgroups) (531-5502; goodbeginnings.org)
 20. Tutu and Me (traveling preschool for Hawaiian families) (524-7633; tutuandme.org)
 21. Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center (Hawaiian families) (847-1302; qlcc.org)
 22. ALU LIKE (Hawaiian families) (535-6700; alulike.org)

Religious resources: Contact your place of worship...church, temple, synagogue

Internet Resources (check on their "Links," too):

1. **mr.dad** (mrdad.com)
2. **fathers.com** (fathers.com)
3. **Nurturing Father** (nurturingfathers.com)
4. **Nat'l Fatherhood Initiative** (fatherhood.org)
5. **ParentingTime.net** (parentingtime.net)